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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - KOREA

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1. CHARGE AND UK HIGH COMMISSIONER DECIDED, CONSIDERING PREVIOUS ASSURANCES ON KOREAN ISSUE FROM GOL, REFTTEL D, THAT UK DE MARCHE WOULD BE EXCESSIVE AND POSSIBLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. DECISION WAS MADE THAT EMBASSY WOULD MAKE LOW-KEYED APPROACH TO RE-EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF KOREAN ISSUE.

2. CHARGE CALLED ON PERMSEC, MOFA, THABO R. MAKEKA, JULY 28 TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, KOREA AND DELIVERED COPY SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH (REFTEL C).

3. DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS PARA 4, REFTTEL A, EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF KOREAN ISSUE TO USG AND AGREED THAT ANY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO KOREA AT NAM SHOULD BE AIMED AT NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

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4. MAKEKA POINTED OUT THAT GOL WAS IN FULL ACCORD WITH USG

POSITION AND IS PREPARED TO OFFER FULL SUPPORT AT NAM AND UNGA.

5. INFORMALLY, MAKEKA FELT U.S. CONCERN ABOUT KOREA WAS INORDI-
NATELY GLOOMY. HE STATED THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY
INDONESIA AND PHILLIPINES DESIRE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND OTHER
COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF REGION WILL DEFER TO ASEAN JUDGMENT. HE
EXPECTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEGOTIATION AND ALONG LINES OF
SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO BE OUTCOME OF NAM MEETING.
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